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Subject: Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 527-07-004
USAID/PERU - PROMOTING INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

Dear Prospective Offerors:

The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is seeking proposals from qualified U.S. organizations interested in providing the services as described in the attached solicitation.

This is a full and open competition, under which any type of U.S. organization (large or small commercial [for profit] firms, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations) is eligible to compete. The procedures set forth in FAR Part 15 shall apply. It should be understood that this is a follow-on activity to the Participatory Alternative Development activity that is currently being implemented by Chemonics International under a cost-reimbursement award-fee type contract that expires on March 31, 2008. The incumbent is eligible to submit an offer under this solicitation.

USAID plans to award a cost reimbursement completion-type contract with a total estimated cost of \$75 to \$80 million covering a total estimated period of five years: a three (3) years base period and two (2) one-year option periods. Revealing the estimated range for the contract does not mean that offerors should necessarily strive to meet the maximum amount estimated. Offerors must propose costs that they believe are realistic and reasonable for the work. Cost Proposals will be evaluated as part of a best value determination for contract award, including cost effective approaches to achieving the results.

Offerors are advised that funds are not yet available for award at this time and that contract award is also subject to the approval of Mission Operational Plans. This solicitation in no way obligates USAID to award a contract, nor does it commit USAID to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of the proposal. Furthermore, the Government reserves the right to reject any and all offers, if such action is considered to be in the best interest of the Government.

USAID encourages the participation to the maximum extent possible of small business concerns, small disadvantaged business concerns and women-owned small business concerns in this activity as the prime contractor or as subcontractors in accordance with Part 19 of the FAR.

If substantive questions are received which affect the response to the solicitation, or if changes are made to the closing date and time, as well as other aspects of the RFP, this solicitation will be amended. Any amendments to this solicitation will be issued and posted on the Federal Business Opportunities (FedBizOpps) website. Offerors are encouraged to check this website (<http://www.fedbizopps.gov>) periodically.

An Interested Vendor List is not included in this solicitation. Offerors can register and use the Interested Vendor List (IVL) on the FedBizOpps page, so that firms can contact one another for consideration of teaming arrangements and/or small business subcontracting opportunities in response to this solicitation.

The details associated with the submission requirements are outlined under section L of this solicitation. **Late proposals will be handled in accordance with FAR 15.208.**

Questions and Answers the deadline for receiving questions is April 16, 2007.

Questions may be submitted to the Contracting Officer to the addresses/numbers and email as identified in Section L, and via email to lmurquia@usaid.gov. Oral instructions, answers or guidance from whatever USAID source prior to the award of the contract shall not be binding.

The RFP, once issued, and subsequent amendments thereto, can be downloaded from the Federal Business Opportunities ("FBO") web site. The Worldwide Web address is <http://www.fedbizopps.gov>. It is the responsibility of the recipient of this solicitation document to ensure that it has been received from INTERNET in its entirety and USAID bears no responsibility for data errors from transmission or conversion processes.

We extend our best wishes to all for a successful competition, and certainly want to thank you for your interest in USAID/Peru's activities.

Sincerely,



Erin E. McKee
Sup. Regional Contracting Officer

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